

# Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit



## 2019 Winter into Spring Programs

Welcome to the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit, a unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve. The Kettle Moraine is internationally known for its famous glacial features and amazing diversity of plants and animals. We encourage you to stop in at the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center to learn more about our glacial past and to plan your stay in the Kettle Moraine.

Throughout the year, the forest naturalists present a wide array of fun-filled educational programs. These programs are held at the Ice Age Visitor Center, Mauthe Lake Recreation Area, Long Lake Recreation Area, or at other spots in the forest. There are programs for all interests and age levels. Check out this brochure to find opportunities which pique your fancy. Most programs are **free**, but some forest locations do require a Wisconsin State Park System vehicle admission sticker. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events. For more information about the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit or the public programs, contact the forest staff at the following locations:



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit  
N1765 County Road G  
Campbellsport, WI 53010  
262-626-2116

Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center  
Located half mile west of Dundee  
N2875 Hwy 67 (not a mailing address)  
Campbellsport, WI 53010  
920-533-8322



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## Special Events

Events sponsored by the *Friends of the Kettle Moraine*.

### Candlelight Ski/Hike

February 2, 5:30-8:30 pm (Saturday)  
Zillmer Trail Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)



Cross-country ski or hike in the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit by candlelight. At the bonfire join fellow hikers and skiers for hot drinks and snacks provided by the Friends of the Kettle Moraine. The trail is perfect for novice skiers with no steep hills or sharp turns. The shelter building will be open, lit, and heated. Trail passes waived for event participants, but State Park System vehicle admission stickers still required.



### Winter Star Gazing

February 2, 5:30-8:30 pm  
(Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Look through a telescope or binoculars to bring into focus the wonders of the night sky. With the help of knowledgeable night sky observers from the Northern Cross Science Foundation, spy distant planets, dumb-bell nebulas, globular clusters, and so much more. The program will be held only if the skies are clear. This program is best for anyone more than 8 years old. Drop in any time and stay as long as you like.



### Earth Week Clean Up

April 27, 8:30 am-12:00 noon  
(Saturday)  
Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive (Meet at the Forest Headquarters off County Road G south of County Road SS near New Prospect)

Join others for a morning of camaraderie and litter pick up along the Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive. Youth and other groups are encouraged to participate. Bring your own gloves. Garbage bags will be provided. Go to the Forest Headquarters off County Road G to get your area assignment. After the cleanup, meet back at the Headquarters for snacks and refreshments. **To register groups, call (262) 626-2116.**

## Nature Storytimes

An hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults. Join us for stories, games, crafts, and songs on the first and third Friday mornings of each month. Programs held at the Ice Age Visitor Center.

### Seasons Go Round

January 4, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Winter, spring, summer, fall... Every year the seasons go

round and round. Learn about why we have four seasons in Wisconsin.

### Whooo's Awake? Owls!

January 18, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Listen! Whoo, whoo, who, who, who! The owls are awake while we sleep. Discover remarkable facts about these nighttime hunters.

### Wake Up Groundhog!

February 1, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Learn if groundhogs can really predict the coming of spring and other tidbits about their lives.



### Whose Tracks are These?

February 15, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Come explore with us the woods and fields for animal tracks. We'll even figure out a few tricks to determine whose tracks they are.

### Loud-mouth Jays

March 1, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Screech! Chatter, chatter! The blue jays announce their presence to the world. Help us to decipher what the jays are trying to say.

### Rat-a-tat-tat, Who's There? Woodpeckers

March 15, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Why do woodpeckers peck trees? What are they looking for? We'll find out the answers to these questions and a lot more about woodpeckers.

### April Showers

April 5, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Drip, drop, pitter-pat. April showers fall to the ground. We'll find out just how these rains help awaken the spring flowers.



### Shhhh! Listen!

April 19, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

It's amazing what we can discover when we are quiet and listen. Join us for a listening walk through the fields and forest.

# Get Outdoors! Learn . . .



## Learn to Snowshoe

January 12, 10:00-11:45 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Learn how easy it is to snowshoe and then get outside to enjoy the wonders of our beautiful snow-covered forest. Snowshoes provided for those who do not have any. This program is best for people older than 8 years. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by January 10.**



## Learn to Cross-country Ski

January 12, 12:30-3:00 pm (Saturday)  
Zillmer Trail Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

Dust off those cross-country skis and head to Zillmer to gain the skills to make cross-country skiing fun and safe. This program is best for people older than 10 years. Arrangements for ski rentals will be made for those who need skis. Trail passes waived for participants, but State Park System vehicle admission stickers still required. **To register, call 920-533-8322 by January 10.**



## Learn to Ice Fish

January 19, 12:30-2:30 pm (Saturday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area  
Picnic Shelter

Learn the tricks of winter fishing with experienced ice anglers. We will start inside the Mauthe Lake picnic shelter for a presentation on safety tips and appropriate gear and tackle. Then it's off to Mauthe Lake to try our best at luring those fish out of the water. Equipment, tackle, and bait will be provided. This program is best for people over 6 years old. **To register call (920) 533-8322 by January 17.** No fishing license required since it is Free Fishing Weekend, but a State Park System vehicle admission sticker is required.

## Night Hikes

### Full Moon Walk

February 19, 6:30-8:00 pm (Tuesday)  
Forest Headquarters (off County Road G south of County Road SS near New Prospect)

Traverse the two-mile trail around Mauthe Lake under the light of a full moon. Dress for the weather including snow boots. This walk is best for people over the age of 8 years old.

### Spring Symphony Night Hike

April 26, 7:30-9:00 pm (Friday)  
Zillmer Trail Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

Nature awakens from its long winter slumber with a symphony of sound. Journey through the darkening



spring woods to locate the members of the spring choir. This hike is most appropriate for adults and children over the age of 6 years.

## Exploring Nature Programs

Everyone is invited to participate in 1 to 2 hours of hands-on nature fun. Adults are encouraged to work with their children. These programs are best for families/groups with children ages 6 to 12 years old unless otherwise noted.

### Stories in the Snow: Tracking

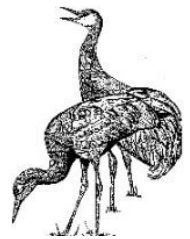
February 9, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

By just looking at a track, we can figure out what animal passed through the area. Master some of the tricks of tracking animals in winter and figure out the stories of their snowy adventures.

### Bugling Cranes

March 9, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

With loud bugling calls, sandhill cranes announce their arrival back to Wisconsin in very early spring. Discover many fascinating facts about these large ancient birds.



### Upscaled Art

April 13, 10:00 am-12:00 pm (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Don't throw that away! It can be turned into a work of art! Come create inner tube rubber stamps, paper bead necklaces, and other unique projects from throw away materials. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by April 12.**

## An Evening with Nature

Meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center for informative and entertaining presentations. Forest staff or guest presenters provide the programs, which are best for adults and youth over 12 years old.

### Managing Wildlife in Your Yard

January 10, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: David Drake, Extension  
Wildlife Specialist  
and Professor at UW-Madison



Find out ways to create, enhance, and manage native habitat in your yard, neighborhood, and community to attract beneficial wildlife and discourage troublesome critters. Creating habitat in your yard helps native animals and plants, increases property values, improves human health, and beautifies your surroundings.

### **Lightning, Thunder, Hail and Tornadoes: Why We Have Severe Weather**

February 14, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: James A. Brey, Ph.D., Senior Science  
Consultant, American Meteorological Society  
Education Program

Lightning, thunder, hail, tornadoes, oh my! Join Dr. Brey as he explains the reasons why we experience severe weather and provides tips on how to stay safe when it strikes. Arrive at 6:30 pm to enjoy hot beverages and Valentine treats before the presentation.

### **Aerial Insectivores of Wisconsin**

March 14, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center



Presenter: William Mueller, Director, Western Great  
Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory

Mueller will provide a view into the world of "aerial insectivores," the birds that capture their insect prey in flight, by exploring their ecology, population changes, and conservation. This group of birds is experiencing major population declines. He'll discuss the factors involved, and how citizens can respond.

### **Solving the Mysteries of Hibernation**

April 11, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Hannah V. Carey, Ph.D., Professor of  
Comparative Biosciences and Director of  
Biotron Laboratory at UW-Madison

Many animals just spent the winter hibernating to avoid the season's hardships. Learn about the mysteries of hibernation and the newest scientific discoveries. Dr. Carey will share how these findings may prove beneficial to humans.

## **Read and Explore**

Drop in to a listed library on the second Saturday to read a nature themed book with a caring adult and then head outside to go exploring. This is a great opportunity for early elementary students to practice their reading skills!

9:30-10:45 am Campbellsport Library

1:00-2:15 pm Sheboygan Falls Library

January 12 (Saturday) - Animal Tracking

February 9 (Saturday) - Woodpeckers

March 9 (Saturday) - Signs of Spring

April 13 (Saturday) - Frogs



## **Ice Age Trail Trekkers**

Join us on Wednesdays to enjoy a one-to-two-hour hike along a segment of Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

Shuttles will be available between the starting and finishing spots. The Trekkers continue through September.

April 3, 7:00-8:30 am (Wednesday)

April 10, 6:00-7:30 pm (Wednesday)

Meet at the County Road P Ice Age Trail Parking Lot (located south of Glenbeulah) for an early spring 3.45 mile hike between Hwy 23 and County Road P

April 17, 7:00-8:30 am (Wednesday)

April 24, 6:00-7:30 pm (Wednesday)

Meet at the Greenbush Group Camp (located off Kettle Moraine Drive between County Road T and Hwy 67 near Greenbush) for an invigorating 3.18 mile hike between Hwy 23 and the Greenbush Group Camp.

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